

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows and add new claim 9:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of receiving ~~communicating~~ non-video data ~~from a video receiver to an external device, the video receiver adapted to receive a digital video signal and output an analog video signal derived from the digital video signal;~~ the method comprising:

~~providing the non-video data to an OSD generator of the video receiver;~~

~~formatting the non-video data as OSD data;~~

~~inserting the OSD data into the~~ receiving an analog video signal including non-video data formatted as OSD data;

~~providing the external device with an OSD data detector;~~

detecting the non-video data formatted as OSD data ~~to receive the non-video data;~~

extracting the detected non-video data from the analog signal; and

processing the non-video data.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the OSD data is inserted into the analog video signal during non-blanking portions.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the non-video data is control data.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the non-video data is information usually included in a blanking interval of an analog video signal.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the non-video is contained in the digital video, signal.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the non-video data is determined by the video receiver.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the OSD data is displayable in an overscan region.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the video receiver provides a sync signal to the external device.

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9. (New) A method of formatting non-video data, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a digital video signal; 102
converting the digital video signal to an analog video signal; inherent
providing a non-video data signal to an OSD generator; 270
formatting the non-video data signal as OSD data; 270
inserting the OSD data into the analog video signal; and 275
providing the analog signal including the non-video data signal formatted as OSD data to an external device. 103
